



# St Barnabas News

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

*'Community, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Courage'*

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## School Prayer Group Meetings

Everyone is welcome to come along to the new monthly prayer group meetings, held in school. This group will be thinking about and praying for the school and our community in a very informal way – you can contribute in any way you like – even just by being quiet and hearing prayers led by others.

We invite prayer or thought requests from anyone in the school community – if you have something or someone that you would like the group to pray for or think about, please write this on the coloured slips and put it in the new red and gold box in the main entrance. Children are also invited to add their requests. Names are optional.

We are mindful that not all members of our school community are Christians. If you prefer to have something or someone thought about instead of prayed for, please complete the 'Please think about ....' slips and we will be mindful of this.

If you have any questions about these meetings, please speak to Miss Boardman.

Dates of Prayer Group Meeting all at 2:30pm:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2:30pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.



## Thank you and Goodbye

Donna Robertson, our school cook/kitchen manager, will be leaving next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at St Barnabas in cleaning and catering roles for about 10 years.

She has shown real commitment to all the children at St Barnabas, keeping the school looking beautiful, cooking delicious meals, serving the meals with a smile, chatting with the children and generally helping everyone to have happy lunchtimes. She even introduced bacon butties for the staff on a Friday breaktime!

We will be sad to see her go but she is moving on to an exciting new job.

We will be saying a special 'Goodbye' to her in our Celebration Assembly next Friday.

The new kitchen manager will be Mr Ryan Finnie who will be working alongside Donna through next week. We look forward to welcoming him to St Barnabas.



## Parents in Class Sessions

This is an opportunity to spend a short time in your child's class, finding out more about what your child is learning and the different ways that learning takes place.

These sessions are in addition to the other longer 'Entrance and Exit Tasks' that parents are invited to at least twice per year. These will take place this half term on the dates below. For most classes, this will take place at 8:40-9am.

Simmonds class sessions are held later on the day as this works better for them.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Anderson,

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Shakespeare,

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Malala,

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Edison,

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Luther-King,

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:30pm – Simmonds

**Children will have class photographs taken next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January so please ensure that they are in full school uniform.**

This is a good opportunity to remind everyone about wearing the correct uniform every day - this consists of school skirts and trousers, not leggings and jean style trousers.

## Parent Governor

We continue to have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about this role, please speak to Miss Boardman who will give you further information or put you in touch with one of our current Parent Governors.

<http://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Parent-Gov-election-Oct-2016.pdf>

We have had to change the date of Parents' Evening from 16<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March remains the same.

## School communication

We hope that by now, most of you have downloaded our app and are finding it useful. Please check the calendar regularly as we are reducing the text reminders that we send. We are also communicating about school activities and celebrating children's learning through **Twitter**.

Our smart new website is almost ready so we will be sending out details in the next few weeks.



### **The value of PERSEVERANCE**

Our Value this term is perseverance. Children are learning about what it means to persevere - including making good choices and keeping trying when things are difficult. Christians believe that God helps them to persevere in the face of adversity. Every child is bringing home a home-school values sheet which we hope you can look at with your child over this half term.

If your child does any of any of the activities suggested on the sheet or does anything else related to the value of perseverance, please note it down and send it in to Miss Boardman. We would like to display this work and award certificates for thinking about this value at home. If you would like any paper to record this, please ask at the office.

### **Lunchtime Rewards**

We have introduced a new reward system for good behaviour at lunchtimes in the dining room – using quiet voices, trying to eat all your lunch, using a knife and fork, showing good manners etc. Children receive a ticket on which they write their names and put it in a box. Each week, 10 names will be drawn and these children will sit with Miss Boardman or Miss Connolly on a special 'top table' one day that week decorated with a tablecloth, napkins and other treats. For an extra special launch treat, the first group of children drawn out of the box will visit Pizza Express on 2<sup>nd</sup> February as they have invited a group from St Barnabas to the launch of their refurbished restaurant on Lendal. The chosen children will be notified next Thursday.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
25/1	Body Percussion workshop for Malala and Edison by Music Education Group (MEG) from York Uni.
26/1	Class Photographs
13/2	BE SAFE themed week in school 1-3pm E Safety Parents Workshop in School – please see flyer sent home previously on email and paper.
16/2	Thurs – Celebration Assembly today Non uniform day & Cakes from Shakespeare Class - for sale after school
17/2 (Fri)	<b>INSET HALF TERM</b>
27/2	Y5 & 6 to Robinwood Return 1 <sup>st</sup> March Approx... 5pm
14/3	4-7pm Parents' Evening (changed from 16 <sup>th</sup> )
15/3	3:20-6pm Parents' Evening
24/3	Red Nose Day – we will be doing a sponsored event Non uniform day and cake donations from whole school please.
30/3	Celebration Assembly today instead of Friday
7/4	<b>Break up for Easter</b>
24/4	Return to school
25/4	Swimming starts for Edison class until end term.
27/4	Non uniform day and cake donations from Malala class please – for sale after school
May	Year 2 Assessments to be carried out during May
Wk 8/5	KS2 SATs Tests
19/5	Non uniform day and cake donations from Simmonds class please – for sale after school
26/5	<b>INSET HALF TERM – Return 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Wk 12/6	Year 1 phonics screening
23/6	Non uniform day and cake donations from Luther-King class please - for sale after school
14/7	12pm – 3pm Family Picnic and Sports Day / Summer Fair
17/7	Reports out
Mon 24/7	Leavers Disco FS/KS1 6-7pm KS2 7:15-8:45pm
Tues 25/7	1:45pm Leavers Service School closes for summer
Mon 4/9	INSET DAY
Tues 5/9	Children return to school

Class newsletters are being sent home today (Friday) or Monday.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Boardman or Miss Connolly who will be pleased to help you.